

**PARISH OF JEFFERSON DAVIS,
STATE OF LOUISIANA
CERTAIN FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL DATA**

Population of the Parish

The population growth trend of the Parish of Jefferson Davis is as follows:

YEAR	PARISH POPULATION	STATE POPULATION
1950	26,298	2,683,516
1960	29,825	3,257,022
1970	29,554	3,644,637
1980	32,168	4,205,900
1990	30,722	4,219,973
1991	30,863	4,251,560
1992	30,927	4,287,195
1993	30,884	4,295,477
1994	30,982	4,315,085
1995	31,189	4,339,352
1996	31,416	4,350,579
1997	31,523	4,351,769
1998	31,464	4,368,967

Sources: US Census; Louisiana Tech University, January, 1999.

Population of Municipalities

The population growth trends of the municipalities in the Parish of Jefferson Davis are as follows:

YEAR	ELTON	FENTON	JENNINGS	LAKE ARTHUR	WELSH
1960	1,595	429	11,887	3,541	3,332
1970	1,598	404	11,783	3,551	3,203
1980	1,450	491	12,401	3,615	3,515
1990	1,277	265	11,305	3,194	3,299
1991	1,276	264	11,420	3,187	3,308
1992	1,272	272	11,600	3,187	3,329
1993	1,287	274	11,642	3,187	3,342
1994	1,307	298	11,748	3,187	3,454
1995	1,307	284	11,841	3,187	3,490
1996	1,295	280	11,995	3,187	3,504
1997	1,292	330	12,024	3,235	3,504
1998	1,284	330	12,041	3,253	3,504

Sources: US Census; Louisiana Tech University, January, 1999.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Personal Income

The Bureau of Economic Analysis of the US Department of Commerce publishes personal income data. The most recent revised per capita income figures for the Parish, Louisiana and the United States are as follows:

YEAR	PARISH	LOUISIANA	UNITED STATES
1990	\$10,826	\$14,281	\$18,666
1991	\$11,524	\$15,079	\$19,201
1992	\$11,793	\$15,817	\$20,137
1993	\$12,941	\$17,133	\$21,220
1994	\$13,509	\$18,086	\$22,056
1995	\$13,839	\$18,826	\$23,059
1996	\$14,523	\$19,609	\$24,164
1997	\$15,019	\$20,458	\$25,288

Source: US Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, October, 1998.

Retail Sales

According to the *Survey of Buying Power*, estimated retail sales by category in Jefferson Davis Parish were as follows:

(In Thousands)

Year	Total Retail Sales	Food	Eat/Drink	Gen Mdse	Furn/Appl	Auto
1991	\$178,631	\$43,202	\$18,428	\$21,440	\$1,266	\$39,183
1992	\$195,200	\$43,635	\$21,401	\$25,998	\$1,768	\$41,262
1993	\$194,918	\$39,954	\$22,069	\$27,057	\$1,707	\$45,279
1994	\$195,752	\$35,440	\$14,602	\$23,457	\$2,889	\$61,597
1995	\$216,708	\$37,080	\$18,269	\$38,119	\$2,849	\$58,828
1996	\$215,819	\$31,925	\$17,250	\$46,398	\$2,507	\$53,885
1997	\$220,202	\$29,404	\$16,045	\$43,708	\$2,467	\$57,315

(Note: The retail sales statistics in the 1995 edition of the *Survey of Buying Power*, which lists data for 1994, are based on newly published benchmark data from the 1992 Census of Retail Trade (CRT). Prior to this year, retail figures reported in the Survey were based on data from the 1987 Census [unlike the general Census, the CRT is conducted in five year intervals]. Whenever such an adjustment is made, trends in lines that fall across benchmark year are often skewed, a fact readers should keep in mind when comparing retail sales figures for 1994 and thereafter to those from prior years.

Source: Sales and Marketing Management, Survey of Buying Power, August, 1998.

SALES TAXES

Sales Taxes Levied in the Parish

The following is a summary, by area, of sales and use tax rates levied within the Parish of Jefferson Davis as of 12/31/98.

Entity/Area	Parish-Wide Tax	Municipal Tax	Total Local Tax	State Tax	Total Sales Tax
JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH	2		2	4	6
ELTON	2	2	4	4	8
JENNINGS	2	2	4	4	8
LAKE ARTHUR	2	2	4	4	8
WELSH	2	2	4	4	8
FENTON	2	2	4	4	8

Source: Louisiana Department of Revenue and Taxation, Sales Tax Division, January, 1999.

Taxable Sales

Sales and use taxes are levied by various entities at various rates throughout the Parish. The following figures represent the tax base of a broad-based sales and use tax levied on a parishwide basis.

<i>(In Thousands)</i>					
Month	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
January	\$21,067	\$23,574	\$25,372	\$25,546	\$27,301
February	\$16,268	\$16,978	\$18,297	\$21,725	\$22,340
March	\$16,893	\$18,246	\$20,874	\$20,549	\$23,790
April	\$20,441	\$21,098	\$22,618	\$24,198	\$24,778
May	\$19,031	\$19,766	\$19,209	\$24,355	\$25,509
June	\$18,622	\$18,796	\$27,860	\$24,236	\$25,018
July	\$25,341	\$24,003	\$22,428	\$27,028	\$24,242
August	\$19,744	\$21,196	\$23,003	\$26,260	\$27,580
September	\$18,276	\$20,765	\$21,396	\$22,801	\$22,718
October	\$19,968	\$22,224	\$23,559	\$23,802	\$24,755
November	\$18,679	\$21,348	\$21,242	\$25,277	\$27,211
December	\$18,711	\$19,566	\$20,646	\$23,195	\$23,241
Annual Total	\$233,039	\$247,558	\$266,504	\$288,971	\$298,481

Source: Oakland Econometrics.

PROPERTY TAXES

Assessed Valuation of the Parish

The recent trend in the assessed valuation of property throughout the Parish of Jefferson Davis is as follows:

Year	Taxable Assessed Valuation	Homestead Exemptions	Total Assessed Valuation
1990	\$77,121,420	\$26,078,830	\$103,200,250
1991	\$77,039,180	\$26,327,570	\$103,366,750
1992	\$72,995,760	\$25,166,280	\$98,162,040
1993	\$75,778,730	\$25,392,080	\$101,170,810
1994	\$77,454,100	\$25,711,810	\$103,165,910
1995	\$82,476,610	\$26,033,060	\$108,509,670
1996	\$84,411,120	\$26,761,850	\$111,172,970
1997	\$85,779,540	\$27,338,940	\$113,118,480
1998	\$92,596,775	\$28,332,835	\$120,929,610

Source: Jefferson Davis Parish Assessor's Office.

A breakdown of the assessed valuation of the Parish by classification of property is as follows:

Year	Real Estate	Personal Property	Public Service
1990	\$55,578,750	\$22,306,130	\$25,315,370
1991	\$56,104,960	\$21,955,750	\$25,306,040
1992	\$52,712,000	\$21,438,930	\$24,011,110
1993	\$53,982,660	\$22,493,360	\$24,694,790
1994	\$54,607,940	\$23,056,770	\$25,501,200
1995	\$56,218,470	\$24,592,880	\$27,698,320
1996	\$57,571,800	\$25,137,500	\$28,463,670
1997	\$58,790,940	\$25,318,970	\$29,008,570
1998	\$60,198,970	\$30,819,980	\$29,910,660

Millage Rates

The recent trend in the aggregate ad valorem tax rates (in mills) levied on a parishwide basis by various entities within the boundaries of the Parish of Jefferson Davis follows:

Year	Millage
1990	40.31
1991	40.31
1992	45.27
1993	45.27
1994	45.27
1995	45.07
1996	45.46
1997	46.53
1998	49.40

Sources: Louisiana Tax Commission and Jefferson Davis Parish Assessor's Office.

Leading Taxpayers

The ten largest property taxpayers of the Parish of Jefferson Davis in 1998 and their assessed valuation are as follows:

TAXPAYER	ASSESSED VALUATION
1. STEWARD & STEVENSON SVS	\$6,500,000
2. COLONIAL PIPELINE CO	\$3,851,660
3. CENTURY TELE OF EVANGELINE INC	\$3,574,460
4. ENTERGY GULF STATES, INC.	\$3,496,610
5. TENNESSEE GAS PIPELINE CO	\$3,347,680
6. FLORIDA GAS TRANSMISSION	\$3,179,970
7. CONCHA CHEMICAL PIPELINE CO	\$2,274,210
8. BELL SOUTH TELE COMMUNICATIONS	\$1,814,840
9. JEFF DAVIS BANK & TRUST	\$1,571,920
10. TEXAS GAS TRANSMISSION	\$1,354,290

Source: Jefferson Davis Parish Assessor's Office.

SCHOOL STATISTICS

Enrollment

The recent trends in public school registration, average daily membership and average daily attendance in the Jefferson Davis Parish school system are as follows:

REGISTRATION	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE	6,344	6,290	5,947	5,823
AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP	6,721	6,622	6,296	6,171
PUBLIC	6,851	6,627	6,384	6,260

"Average Daily Attendance" reflects the average daily attendance of member public school students during the session. "Average Daily Membership" reflects the average daily count of public school students registered during the session. "Public" reflects the count of public school students registered on the first day of the school year, including pre-kindergarten.

Expenditures

Expenditure trends for the Jefferson Davis Parish School Board are as follows:

EXPENDITURES	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
MEAN TEACHER SALARY	\$24,024	\$23,739	\$26,249	\$32,766
CURRENT EXPEN PER STUDENT	\$4,239	\$4,276	\$4,757	\$4,835
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$16,078	\$117,026	\$59,492	\$2,261,653
DEBT SERVICE	\$1,772,880	\$3,185,694	\$756,048	\$747,289
CURRENT EXPENDITURES	\$28,492,689	\$28,269,371	\$28,962,918	\$30,165,817

Source: Louisiana Department of Education.